

POLICY 320

SERVICES WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

320-K TOBACCO CESSATION PRODUCT POLICY

INITIAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008

Description.

AHCCCS covers tobacco cessation products, which include nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) and tobacco use medications, for members who wish to stop using tobacco. AHCCCS encourages members to enroll in a tobacco cessation program offered by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS).

Coverage is limited to Title XIX members (Acute Care, ALTCS and Medicare Cost sharing members).

Amount, Duration and Scope.

The following criteria apply to AHCCCS members choosing to receive a tobacco cessation product.

- 1. Member must be at least 18 years of age.
- 2. Members are encouraged to enroll in a tobacco cessation program through ADHS. To enroll in an ADHS cessation program the member must call 1-800-55-66-222.
- 3. Members must contact their primary care provider (PCP) for a prescription for a tobacco cessation product. The PCP will identify an appropriate tobacco cessation product. In order to be covered by AHCCCS, all tobacco use medications require a prescription. This includes all tobacco cessation products, including those that are available over-the-counter.
- 4. Members may be initially authorized for up to a four (4) week supply of a tobacco cessation product. The smoking cessation product may be extended for up to two additional four week supplies, if prescribed by the physician.
- 5. The maximum supply a member may receive of a tobacco cessation product is a 12 week supply in a six month time period. The six month period begins on the date the pharmacy fills the first tobacco cessation product.